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STEPPE FORESTATION PROGRESSES

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During the summer of 1948, 198,900 hectares of protective belt forests were planted, 48,800 of these by kolkhoz personnel, 3,300 by sovkhos personnel, and 146,800 by leskhoz (lumber camp) personnel. In addition, 269,500 hectares of ground were prepared for planting in the spring of 1949. By the summer of 1949, a total of 460,400 hectares will have been planted. Besides this, 0,795 hectares of nurseries have been established and 9,790 hectares of ground prepared for nurseries to be established in 1949. Much work is also being done in setting up kolkhoz nurseries. On Ukrainian kolkhozes alone, 1,246 nurseries have been started.

Tree seeds were collected throughout the entire country. By 1949, 7,825.2 tons, of which 6,255.3 tons were oak seeds had been gathered.

During the period 1927 - 1941, 468,300 hectares of forest belts were planted, 181,000 hectares of ravines planted, and 265,600 hectares of sand forested, a total of 914,900 hectares subjected to forestation. There are at present 2,242,000 hectares of isolated forested massifs in the forest steppe and steppe zones.

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